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SMART CHOICES

Fair offers students facts on food, dangerous trends

Lafene holds annual event to present services to K-Staters

Pauline Kennedy campus editor

It's been two decades since the first Lafene Health Fair was held at K-State, and today's 20th Annual Fair did not fail to bring out a steady flow of stu-

The health center held the pirate -themed fair, "Don't let your health walk the plank!," in the K-State Student Union Courtyard on Wednesday as an attempt to inform students of the many services offered at the Lafene Student Health Center.

"I think it's great," said Lacie Litke, X-ray technician in the radiology department of Lafene. "Students aren't aware of what we do. I know other schools don't have nearly as much as we do, and it really provides students with knowledge of what we have."

The event had various tables set up for the departments of Lafene as well as Recreational Services, K-State Healthy Decisions and Counseling Services. Each table displayed information from the different departments and several tables held displays of common problems found among college students, and ways to combat them.

"Honestly, I came for the goodies," said Robyn Kejr, senior in agricultural journalism and mass communications, regarding why she was at the event. "I wasn't expecting to learn about health today."

Kejr said the timing of the fair worked out well, however, and said she recently found out she was lactose

"It's interesting because I wanted to understand more about it," she said.

Kejr said with all of the displays she was seeing, she wished she would have reconsidered what she had eaten for lunch. Some of the displays included vials of fat hung next to their respective meal, showing students what exactly their body is consuming when they aren't eating as healthy as they should be.

"It makes me think twice about what I consume and think about the consequences, especially as a college student," she said.

Other tables at the event provided information about dangerous trends,



Nathaniel LaRue

Farhod Nozirov, chemistry research associate, tests out the red blood cell lab test board at the Lafene Health Fair on Wednesday afternoon in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. The health fair informed students of many dangers of the modern world, including alcohol poisoning and portion control.

including smoking and alcohol consumption, with extra attention paid to new drinks like the "Four Loko," which contains an extremely high percentage of alcohol, caffeine and sugar.

Theresa Doyle, health educator at Lafene and coordinator of the fair, said the event was an essential part of the year because it shows students what kind of service they are being provided.

provided.

"We want to remind people Lafene is here; we have a lot of services for

students," she said.

Doyle said they usually see anywhere from 300 to 500 people come by during the 3-hour fair. She said aside from the free items they give out, another driver of traffic is the availability of flu shots.

"A lot of faculty come and get the flu shot; it's convenient," she said. "A reasonable amount of students get the shot each year, but I think students aren't worried about it and a lot think

Doyle said after the fair they will continue to give out flu shots every Thursday. Students pay \$15 for the shot and faculty pay \$20.

it's not a problem for them.

Peak months for the flu are usually October through March.

Another table at the fair was held by Dianna Schalles, registered dietician and health educator at Lafene. Schalles said she uses the event to get the word out about the health services and information she has to offer to

udents.
"I constantly hear students say they

weren't aware. I think it's vital to get out there and let students know what we provide for them," she said.

Information services provided by Schalles are weight management, eating disorder and general nutrition information, and also medical nutrition therapy for special dietary needs, including nutrition and fitness and metabolic testing.

metabolic testing.

Schalles also started "Ask the Dietician," last year. The first Wednesday of every month she sets up a booth in the Union and is available to answer dietetic questions. She said it has provided a new line of communication between her and the students.

"It's always nice to put a face with people, and it's fun for me because I get out of my office," she said.

Program's courses not found in classrooms

Leadership Studies sends students to sites to help with education, youth

Sam Diederich

Shawna Peters finished a cluster of classes during her break in Mexico last summer — but these were not typical college courses. Peters did not receive instruction from a university professor. There were no tutoring sessions with teaching assistants or late-night study sessions in a library. In fact, Peters — despite nine weeks of work — did not even receive a final grade for her summer courses. So it goes for members of K-State's International Service Teams.

"We were in Puebla, Mexico, and we worked in a rural and impoverished community, mostly occupied by women and children," said Peters, junior in family studies and human services. "We lived with the women, and they taught different workshops for us about basket weaving and cooking. It was basically a cultural immersion program."

The International Service Team, a program sponsored and supported by the School of Leadership Studies, provides K-State students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in another country's culture. However, the true purpose of the team goes beyond the simple experience of living by a different set of cultural cus-

"Our mission is to learn to serve abroad by developing leadership skills, personal development and cultural competence, all through an international learning experience," said Trisha Gott, coordinator of programs for the School of Leadership Studies. "To do that, our students work with programs of education, youth

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Editor: Books need more diversity

Children's literature lacks protagonists of minority ethnic groups

Daniel Stewart junior staff writer

Cheryl Klein, continuity editor for the last three Harry Potter books and senior editor of Scholastic, spoke about the importance of establishing diversity and equity Wednesday night at the K-State Student Union. Her lecture entitled "Black and White and Read All Over: Diversity and Inequity in Children's Publishing" provided insight to an industry that it is not very diverse in terms of race.

"I liked how a white editor talked about how diversity needs to be added into children's literature," said Seth Ellis, senior in secondary education. "It is something you do see dominated by one race."

one race."

Klein's statistics fueled the majority of her lecture. She said in America the population is 15 percent Hispanic, 13 percent black, 5 percent Asian and 68 percent white. Children's books with themes, topics or main characters pertaining to ethnic minorities do not come close to mimicking the population, she said.

Klein said 2 percent of Hispanics, 5.2 percent of blacks and 2.6 percent of Asians comprise the themes, topics or main characters in children's books with whites



Nathaniel LaRue | Collegian

Cheryl Klein, senior editor at Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic, speaks to students in the K-State Student Union on Wednesday afternoon about diversity and inequity in children's publishing. The lecture was sponsored by the department of English.

holding majority at 89 percent. Her lecture investigated these statistics. "Why is this so?" she asked.

"How come America's push for racial diversity is not spilling into children's books?"

Klein said children's books

are among the first items that help shape the mold of a person's psyche.

"Books offer mirrors to soci-

ety," Klein said. "If people only see reflections of themselves, it can become dangerous ethnocentrism."

Ethnocentrism is the belief that one's own race is better than other races and this idea spills into

what Klein was warning listeners

about: apartheid. Apartheid in

children is the idea that kids will

or should only read books with characters who are like themselves. Klein said that this is not good, and children need to have windows, not just mirrors.

Klein's lecture enforced the perception that books are mirrors and windows. They allow children to make connections deeper than the color of skin, with connections based on characteristics of specific characters in books. For examples, she said even though the character in "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" is black — something that Klein cannot make a full connection with — the character is a misunderstood, lonely, nerdy teenager who eventually overcomes all to

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Pottawatomie County alcohol sales on Sundays in question

First petition invalid, second requested

Kayla Duskie junior staff writer

Sunday alcohol sales for unincorporated areas have been a topic of interest lately in Pottawatomie

County.

Chris Darrah, owner of two convenience stores outside of Manhattan, filed a petition in favor of Sunday alcohol sales on Oct. 18 with the Pottawatomie County election officer, which, after examination, was determined in-

According to an Oct. 27 article by The St. Mary's Star, the petition contained a total of 308 signatures, but 180 of them were found to be invalid.

to be invalid.

"Valid signatures are those from individuals who are registered voters that voted in the last election, and they must live in unincorporated parts of the county," said Susan Figge, county clerk and election officer. "The two main problems were signatures from individuals who either lived in cities or

weren't registered voters."

Figge also said 5 percent of area registered voters who voted in the last election must sign the petition in order to validate it. She estimated that would be around 260 signatures.

Darrah said the reason it is difficult to gain necessary signatures is because he, as a Manhattan resident, is not allowed to carry the petition around door-to-door and raise awareness.

He also said that he did not have all the necessary information the first time around.

"We went in and received the bare minimum, basic information and then they sent us out the door. This time we have a list of voters and a better idea of requirements," he said.

Depending on if or when the petition does obtain the necessary amount of legitimate signatures, the issue would most likely be placed on a special election, which would cost Pottawatomie County between \$3,000 and \$4,000, Figge said.

Darrah's stores are located along Highway 24 between Manhattan and Wamego.

Stan Hartwich, Pottawatomie County commissioner, said he is firmly against selling beer on Highway 24 on Sundays. He said it is not necessary and he will not contribute to the potential risks involved with selling alcohol on Sundays.

According to a Feb. 8 article from KMAN 1350 AM radio's website, Hartwich also stated personal reasons for being against Sunday alcohol sales, including his and his family's past history of alcohol

Darrah said his company did a projection showing that Sunday sales alone, there could be an increase in sales tax each year totaling between \$1,100 and \$1,200. Sales tax, Darrah said, that could be used to help pay for the salaries of the county commissioners and many others.

"The main reason we should allow alcohol sales on Sunday's is to remain competitive," said Darrah. "Not being able to puts us at a competitive disadvantage. There is about a three-mile strip that can't, and we are, unfortunately, located in it."







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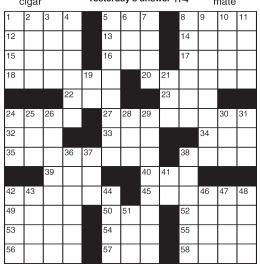
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booked for aggravated escape

from custody. Bond was set at

Stacie Lashell Sayles, of the

800 block of Kearney Street, was

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POLICE REPORTS

HOSPITAL FOR PAIN

Tiara Williams staff writer

EMS TAKES WOMAN TO

Emergency Medical Services transported a local woman to the hospital after she drove off the road Tuesday morning, according to a report from the Riley County Police

Department. Capt. Kurt Moldrup of the RCPD said Destini Thun, 18, of the 2500 block of Farm Bureau Road, was driving westbound on Seth Child Road in a 2005 Honda Pilot when she went off the road and rolled as she drove onto the ramp toward Fort Riley Boulevard/Kansas Highway

She was taken to Irwin Army Community Hospital for neck and head pain, according to the report.

LOCAL MAN BOOKED FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY

Police arrested a local man Wednesday and booked him on a charge of aggravated battery, according to another RCPD report.

Jason Crick, 20, of the 3000 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, had a confrontation with Kirk Bride, 19, of the 700 block of Moro Street, as Bride was leaving a party located in the 2500 block of Farm Bureau Road, according to the report. Crick hit Bride and fractured his

cheek bone, Moldrup said. Emergency Medical Services

transported Bride to Mercy Regional Health Center and treated him, Moldrup said.

Crick's bond was set at \$3,000.

In the Nov. 3 Collegian, the ar-

ticle on the event To Write Love on Her Arms only lists the Union

Program Council as the sponsor.

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for the event; K-State Healthy De-

KNIFE THREAT ON AREA SCHOOL BUS REPORTED

A 14-year-old reportedly threatened a 12-year-old from Leonardville, Kan., on a school bus, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The two boys had a conflict Tuesday at about 7:20 a.m. in the 1400 block of Barton Road, in which the older boy threatened the younger one with a knife, according to the report.

Moldrup said police made no arrests and the case is under investiga-

MAN FAILS TO APPEAR: **BOND SET AT \$6K**

Police arrested a local man Tuesday and booked him on a charge of failure to appear, according to report from RCPD.

Zachary Tilton, 22, of the 900 block of North Fourth Street, did not show up in court after the Kansas Highway Patrol issued a warrant for his arrest, Moldrup said.

MAN FAILS TO RETURN FROM WORK RELEASE

Bond was set at \$6,000.

Police arrested a local man Tuesday and booked him on a charge of aggravated escape from custody, according to the RCPD report.

Anthony Murphy, 45, of the 1100 block of Yuma Street, was on work release and did not come back, accord-

ing to the report. Moldrup said people on work release have a certain amount of time to find a job and then return; Murphy

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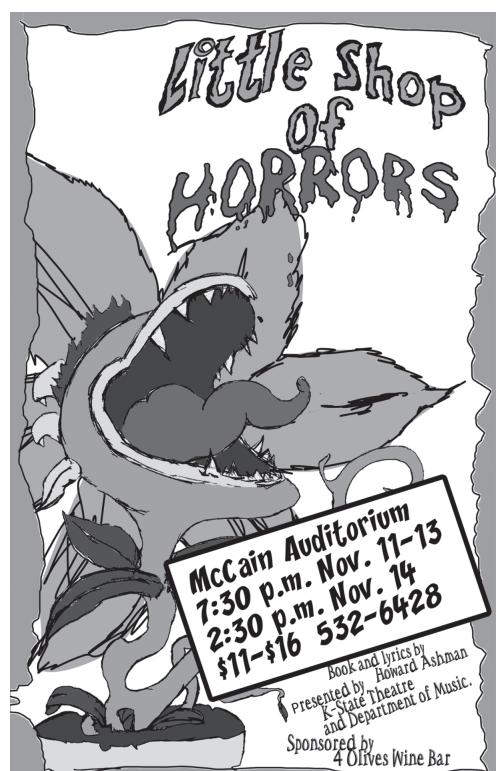
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'Don't ask, don't tell' evokes different opinions among parties

Republicans, Democrats share thoughts regarding recent federal activity

staff reports

Liberal organizations like Delta Force and Kansas Young Democrats have recently stepped up their activism related to the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Originally instituted during the Clinton administration, "don't ask, don't tell" is the current policy in the United States Armed Forces. It is designed to prevent homosexuals from serving openly in the military while also discouraging officers in the military from investigating the sexual orientation of soldiers.

"Don't ask, don't tell' is silly," said Sean Elliot, president of Delta Force at the University of Kansas and the service chair for Young Democrats. "Keeping any capable and willing soldier out of the military hurts our force's capabilities. We need soldiers. I'll take whoever we can get."

Delta Force is a liberal activist organization that holds protests and awareness events on domestic violence and sexual

A federal judge recently ruled the "don't ask, don't tell" policy as unconstitutional, but reform is on hold while the Obama administration appeals the decision. A recent effort in Congress to repeal the policy failed in the Senate, and the votes were largely along party lines

Josh Albin, a law student at the University of Kansas, said, "It's my opinion that, from a legal standpoint, the idea of 'don't ask, don't tell' is a violation of civil rights. The idea of segregation in any branch or service of government is ridiculous."

With Republicans taking back the House in Tuesday's elections, some say the chances of Congress repealing "don't ask, don't tell" have greatly diminished. In a Miami Herald article from Nov. 3, Nancy Yousseff and David Lightman wrote, "President Barack Obama's call on Congress to repeal 'don't ask, don't tell' is likely to founder after key House members were defeated in Tuesday's elections."

According to the article, at least 10 Democrats who lost the race for the House were on the Armed Services Committee, including Chairman Ike Skelton of Missouri. Skelton will likely be replaced as chairman by Howard "Buck" McKeon, a representative from California who has supported the policy in the past.

In addition, Patrick Murphy, a two-term representative from Pennsylvania, lost his bid for re-election. Murphy has pushed for "don't ask, don't tell" to be repealed in the past.

In a Young Democrats of America press release, executive vice president for the organization, Colmon Eldridge, wrote, "Your voice can speak for the thousands of former, current and future service members who have been silenced and forced out of the military or made to lie about who they are in order to serve the nation we all love. The repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell' will be a shining example of America living up to its promise and our generation can and should lead the

Colin Curtis, the Midwest Region director of Young Democrats of America, is a former K-State student.

"Equality should never be taken away from someone, and to tell those fighting for our country that they are no longer allowed to do so because of their sexual orientation is absurd," Curtis said. "The repeal of DADT is essential to moving America forward in the right direction."

Curtis went on to explain his

position further.

"The DADT policy not only hurts our military by excluding strong leaders and equally capable soldiers, but it promotes inequality and hate in our society," he said. "To tell someone that they are less able to serve their country because of who they love is completely unacceptable. America can do better, and we can do better, it's time we take a stand for equality like so many in our nation have before us."

Another former K-State student, Kris Wyer, took the opposite view.

"I'm totally for it," he said.
"Whether someone in the military is gay or not is their business, no one else's."

Matt McCallum is currently the secretary of College Republicans and a junior in economics at Baylor University.

McCallum said, "The issue at hand is one that belongs internally within the Department of Defense and shouldn't be a legislated issue by the Congress."

The efforts to repeal "don't ask, don't tell" might be for political reasons, McCallum said.

"I would be against any changes because it's simply a tool for Obama to appease a base and change a law that is only unpopular to the far left base and even Democrat in its origins," he said.

When asked her thoughts about "don't ask, don't tell," Jeanette Valdez, sophomore in hotel and restaurant management, said, "Why would it matter? They're defending our rights, who cares what their sexual preference is."

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Dalia Nowar (left), graduate student in curriculum instruction, and **May Altamimi**, graduate student in horticulture, examine produce at the Willow Lake K-State Student Farm near Seaton Hall Wednesday afternoon.





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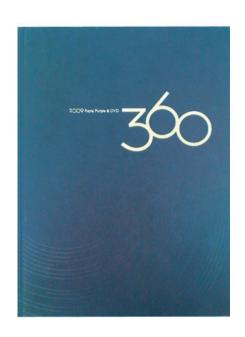
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STREET TALK

What is your opinion on "don't ask, don't tell"?

"I don't think people should go against it; they all have the same purpose of fighting for their country."



Davonte Anderson FRESHMAN, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

"I feel like it doesn't matter what your sexual preference is as long as you're fighting for the same goal.'



Kevin "Wafflez" Crawford FRESHMAN, COMPUTER SCIENCE

"I don't think it's right for gays to be in the military, not just U.S. military."



M. Amgad GRADUATE STUDENT, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

"I think letting gays fight is wrong because it will make others uncomfortable or attract others to do the same."



Mohamed Ismail GRADUATE STUDENT, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

"I don't see why they can't fight as long as they can be conservative about it.



FRESHMAN, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

"If anybody wants to risk their life for our country and our freedom, then they have the right to serve in our military."



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"I don't think we should have it. I don't think we should have an issue with gays in the military."



Jennifer Cooper JUNIOR, PSYCHOLOGY

"I think it protects the integrity of the military without being discriminatory.'



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To learn more about "don't ask, don't tell," check out Page 3.

BREAKTIME

Overworked Americans need time off for health



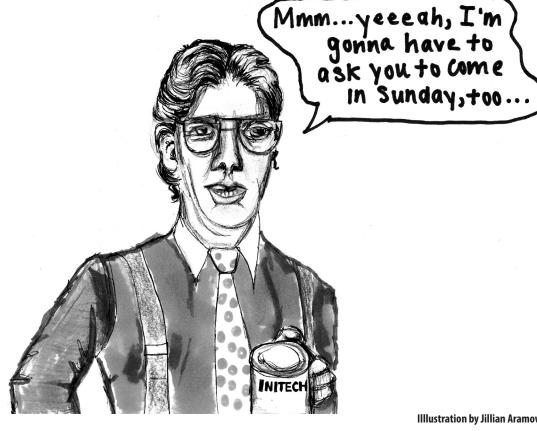
I don't know about you, but I'm tired. Exhausted, in fact. You know what I need, what we all need? We need some time off. We need a vacation.

I'm not just talking about students either; all of America needs time off. People all across this nation have been overworked for too long, even during this recession. According to an Aug. 19, 2009, article on businessweek.com, Americans average about 25 days off per year whereas our counterparts in Europe average more than

Unlike in America, most industrial European countries require employers to give their employees substantial time off each year. Considering the European example, as well as the personal and economic benefits vacation time provides, Congress should pass legislation that would give Americans more time off each year.

To some, what I'm saying sounds like a socialist plot, and perhaps it is. To those people, though, even health care equates to socialism, and if enjoying healthy life and some time off makes someone a socialist, then I must be one. However, there are some definite economic benefits to allowing people to spend more time off from work.

For example, the BusinessWeek article mentioned above went on to state that European workers with more time off were often more productive than Americans with the time they spent actually working. Anyone who has ever felt burnt out knows why. In an economic recession, it is important for businesses to get the most from their workers while decreasing costs. Consid-



ering the productivity of those vacationing Europeans, it seems obvious that American companies should want to allow their employees more time off if it means more productivity in the office.

Furthermore, allowing more vacation time means more people can keep their jobs instead of being laid off. With more people working, consumption could remain higher, keeping our consumerdriven economy more stable.

Heather Boushey, economist for the Center for American Progress, wrote for the New York Times on March 29, 2009, that policies that require more time off for workers "could help to keep consumption more stable than increased layoffs, as well as being potentially more popular with workers."

This leads to the personal

benefits of time off. Aside from relieving the stress built up from weeks on the job, time off lets people spend more time with their loved ones. In the U.S., we only really spend time with our families on holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. Even then, we only stay a few days at most with the people we love. Spending more time away from work would mean more time with family, and in my opinion, nothing is more important than

Most Americans are working toward retirement anyway. If you think about it, retirement is nothing more than one big vacation from working. Instead of working our whole lives to get to the point where we can relax, why not just take some time off and enjoy life while we're young? There's a whole

Illlustration by Jillian Aramowicz

lot of life to live, not all of it after the age of 65.

To get there, the government should do the same thing it did with overtime pay and require employers either to give employees time off or to pay them more for those extra days. Such a law would fit well within our existing system and would allow businesses the flexibility to decide who gets what days off and when.

All of us need a little break from our hectic schedules. We should all just take a day or two off, relax, spend time with family and come back next week feeling good and working even harder than before.

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Welfare criteria should be more strict to avoid abuse



For the sake of fair warning, I am about to say something the majority of the liberal readers will probably not like. In fact, I think many readers in general might label me as a cold, heartless conservative, which is interesting, because I might be cold and heartless, but I am actually a cold, heart-

less libertarian. But I digress. I think welfare is causing big problems in the United States, and by big problems, I mean system abuse, government dependence and watered-down capitalistic values.

Welfare is a great idea in some aspects. Although I do not like the idea of a big government, at some level, a little bit of assistance is a good idea for many people in the United States. However, I feel that many people on the welfare program are abusing the system simply to avoid bettering themselves as citizens. They are instead relying on a handout, which in turn, makes us as a nation more dependent on our government.

Before I get slammed in the letters to the editor, allow me to reiterate the point that not all people on welfare are lazy Americans trying to milk more money from taxpayers, but I do want to make a few points that cause me personally to think welfare is rapidly becoming a stupid social norm.

In 1996, Bill Clinton

enacted the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act, which led to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. TANF limited benefits of recipients of the program to five years, and people using the assistance were also made responsible to find work as soon as possible. However, there are many ways to get around the five-year cap, and as the welfare system in the United States works, the lower the income and the bigger the family, the larger the monthly check.

A logical person can infer that, while honest people would do their best to improve their lives and earn their own money that does not come from taxpayers' pockets, there is also the idea that if an individual were to have more children and still live in poverty, the government will dole out more money to "fix" their

socioeconomic situation. I'm sorry, but I don't want to pay for someone reproducing just because A) they can and B) they are benefiting from it. That is a societal flaw that gets pushed under the table all too often.

Critics may argue that some families are simply disadvantaged and have been their entire lives; it is not their fault they cannot find a job or pay for basic needs. Obviously, these are the people who do benefit from assistance programs and honestly, I think they are pretty easy to single out. The struggling single mother wanting to go back to school to get her GED to get a better job and the escaped domestic abuse victim struggling to find better pay both deserve welfare.

But then there is the woman whom Jeff Jacoby wrote about in a March 1994 Boston Globe op-ed, "A blunt



ugly truth: Abuse and welfare are connected," who came to the United States in 1968, had 14 grown children, 74 grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren, all of whom were on welfare. Sorry. That long line doesn't deserve government assistance, although the abused child that was discovered by social services certainly did deserve a better

Here is my proposal; in the spirit of small government, I say the United States simply

stops handing out welfare checks for a while for experimental purposes. Those individuals who really are making an effort to support their families in difficult circumstances would be immediately noticed and those who were doing nothing before that did not benefit them in the easiest way possible would learn a valuable lesson about capitalism.

I might sound a little harsh, but throwing money at a problem is something our government likes to do, and as

far as our ridiculous expenditures and trillion-dollar deficit can tell, that has not been the answer for anything. In order to gain help from others, one must first be willing to help oneself. If everyone receiving government assistance could abide by that principle, the world would be a better place with smarter people, or vice

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SGA to vote on position approval

Introduction of OSAS Privilege Fee bill is also on tonight's docket

Danny Davis senior staff writer

Tonight, Student Senate will vote on whether or not to approve Tyrone Smalls' appointment to the position of residence hall assistant attorney general.

Smalls would work with Student Attorney General David Starshak. His role would be to oversee the Housing and Dining Services Judicial Boards and help train the judicial

Smalls would become a liaison between the Student Governing Association and the judicial board.

The resolution for the appointment of Smalls cites a need to increase the effectiveness of SGA's judicial branch and a need to provide outreach to improve the effectiveness of the Housing and Dining Services Judicial Boards.

The only bill marked for introduction at tonight's meeting is Bill 10/11/28. This bill, if passed, will increase the Office of Student Activities and Services Privilege Fee.

OSAS provides services such as SafeRide and recreational programs to students. It is funded solely from privilege fee money.
For fiscal year 2011-12,
OSAS has requested a decrease of 1.08 percent for a
total amount of \$586,975. For
fiscal years 2012-13 and 2013-

14, OSAS requested increases of 0.85 percent, for a total of \$591,974, and 0.86 percent, for a total of \$597,087, respectively.

According to the bill, OSAS is expecting minor increases in expenditures, due in part to

According to the bill, OSAS is expecting minor increases in expenditures, due in part to salary and benefits increases for full-time employees. Also, an increase in SafeRide costs and compensation for SGA officers were considered when requesting an increase.

Senate meets in the Big 12 Room of the K-State Student Union at 7 p.m.

K-Staters to learn about India through food, music, fashion

Sanskriti '10 coincides with foreign country's festival, to showcase different states' cultures

Karen Ingram opinion editor

K-Staters have an opportunity to immerse themselves in fashion, food, music, dance and all things Indian on Saturday. The Indian Students Association is presenting Sanskriti '10, a celebration that showcases the diverse culture of all the different states in India.

"Being the event that we do once a year on campus, we want to reach as many people as possible, so people can attend and get a flavor of all aspects of India," said Sreekanth Reddy Ramireddy, vice president for ISA and graduate student in software engineering.

software engineering.

The daylong event begins with a cultural exhibition at 1 p.m. Booths will be set up in the K-State Student Union Courtyard with exhibits about the

culture of each different Indian state. The exhibition includes displays of musical instruments, Rangoli art, clothes, women's accessories and henna tattoos. Another campus group, the Society for Appreciation of Bharatiya Heritage and Arts, helped to create the exhibition.

Beginning at 2:30 p.m., classical dance and music performances from all over India and Nepal will begin in the Union's Forum Hall. There will also be a fashion show highlighting traditional bridal wear from different Indian states. The exhibition and shows are all free and open to the public.

Ramireddy said he was looking forward to sharing the culture of his home state of Andhra Pradesh in southern India, especially the classical dance.

"It's pretty unique, because it doesn't really match with any of the other states," Ramireddy said.

From 6 to 9 p.m., the ISA plans to host an authentic Indian dinner at the Ecumenical Campus Ministry. Ramireddy said the food will include veg-

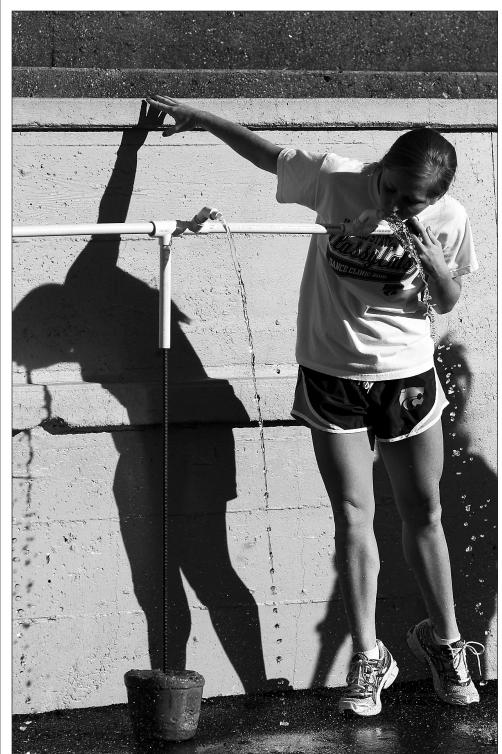
etarian dishes, non-vegetarian dishes, appetizers and desserts. Ramireddy warned that Indian food can be spicy, but there will be all kinds of varieties available. He described one of the dessert dishes, a concoction of flour, milk and sugar called gulab jamun, as "the sweetest sweet you can get."

Tickets are \$10 for members of the ISA and \$13 for non-members. Tickets for the dinner are limited. A booth will be set up in the Union today, or call 919-665-7594 to check availability.

Ramireddy said Sanskriti '10 coincides with a very important national festival in India called Diwali, "the festival of lights," which celebrates the triumph of good over evil. This is the 10th year the ISA has been holding a yearly festival for K-State, according to Ramireddy. Last year, about 400 people attended the dinner, and about the same number attended the cultural exhibition and shows.

"It's been growing at a very fast pace every year," Ramireddy said.

Classy refreshment



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Megan Quigley, senior in fine arts, takes a drink during a break from a Classy Cats practice in Memorial Stadium on Oct. 28.



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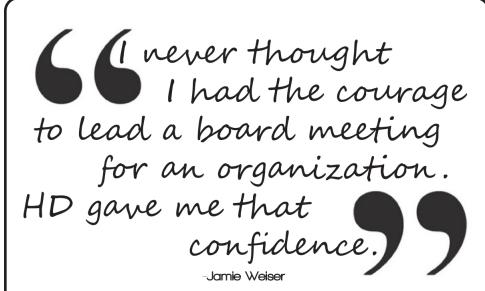
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Volleyball fans loyal to team



Prior to Wednesday night, the K-State volleyball team was on an eight-match losing streak after facing five top-15 teams. With sweep after sweep, morale naturally drooped as the grind continued, and the press began to favor opposing teams as seems to happen when the weather turns foul.

But this was not true of the die-hard group that flocks to the Purple Pit for every home match. No, the fans were not to be perturbed.

A few weeks ago, Britton Drown of the Manhattan Mercury wrote a great piece on the overwhelming fan support for the volleyball team. In it, he reported the school was 11th in terms of average attendance throughout the nation and third for the Big 12 Conference, with over 2,000 loyal supporters

showing up for each match.
While that is an amazing feat, it is not so surprising once one attends a match. An hour before first serve, a line of purple-clad maniacs stretches out in front of Ahearn Field House, preparing for the carnage that is to come.

When the sport gets underway, the Purple Pit relentlessly fills the arena with cheers, many designed for a particular cir-

cumstance. For instance, when freshman defensive specialist Tristan Mc-Carty serves, the fans mimic the preparation of a "Shake n' Bake" meal. And when the Wildcats are setting up their next blistering attack, fans count out loud - which is an ability that some in-state opponents seem unable to perform — the number of touches, adding to the energy of the sport.

The involvement moves to the other side of the net as well, although in less supportive ways, like when the Purple Pit sings the chorus to "It's a Small World" when the most vertically challenged opponent toes the serving line.

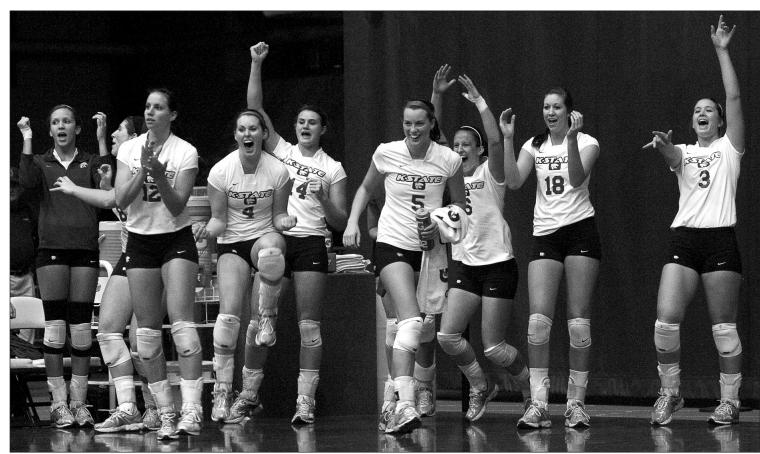
The members of K-State's volleyball team have commented on how much the fan support helps the team, with one even going so far as to say she will miss that aspect the most.

Thus, the die-hard K-Staters who pack every match and contribute to the electrifying atmosphere that fills Ahearn are singular and irreplaceable. They remain loyal in spite of a rocky patch, supporting the team when it has little to brag about it. They come to matches in droves that are much larger than most every other team's attendance in the nation. They participate in those matches in myriad ways that increase the fan experience

Put frankly, they are Wildcats.

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BACK ON TRACK



The volleyball team celebrates the Wildcats' first game won after being swept in their last eight matches Wednesday evening in Ahearn Field House. The Cats went on to win the match against Texas Tech 3-1

K-State ends losing streak in four vs. Texas Tech

Sam Nearhood

The king is dead. Elvis has left the building. The frog has leapt out of the frying pan. Other statement of finality.

It was a long road here, with no wins in one month, but that all ended Wednesday night as the K-State volleyball team (10-15, 4-10 Big 12 Conference) defeated Texas Tech (3-20, 1-13 Big 12) in four games in Ahearn Field House.

"The win feels good," said K-State head coach

S u z i e Fritz. "We needed it. We needed it bad. We n e e d e d to, as they say, get the monkey off our back a little bit."

Players echoed her relief at finally not losing in a sweep, like sophomore opposite hitter Kathleen

Ludwig. "It's definitely a huge

win for us," she said. Player of the Match Kaitlynn Pelger, freshman middle blocker, started a little slow but soon picked up her game, ending with 16 kills on a .344 hitting percentage and four block

"She was doing really well," Ludwig said of Pelger. "She hustles, she makes those plays, and she scraps."

Sophomore blocker Alex Muff had 9 kills and a hitting percentage over .500, while senior libero Lauren Mathewson recorded 27 digs.

Expectations were high pre-match for a K-State win, but the home team was unable to take a lead for the entire game. The two teams duked it out in the beginning, and the first rotation ended in favor of Texas Tech 9-8. The Red Raiders soon opened up their lead quite a bit,

and a string small runs slowly moved them good ... We needed up the ladder 18-15. capped a period of rallies with four straight, but a kill the monkey off our from Ludwig saved State from seeing the

Suzie Fritz, head coach

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end early. No matter, Texas Tech regained the ball and two points to win 25-20.

As seems the mode for her team in general and her in particular, Ludwig swung for high numbers in the beginning of the match, recording four kills and a .375 hitting percentage. However, K-State was putting many balls into the net or block, as its 10 hitting errors showed.

Game two was not pretty for the Wildcats, at

least not until the very end. Down 16-21, K-State rallied back to move within three, but the Red Raiders were still ahead by two. Not wanting to stretch the match out any longer than absolutely necessary, K-State tied the game 23-all, deflected an attack straight back to move up to game point and forced an error on the other side of the net to win 25-23.

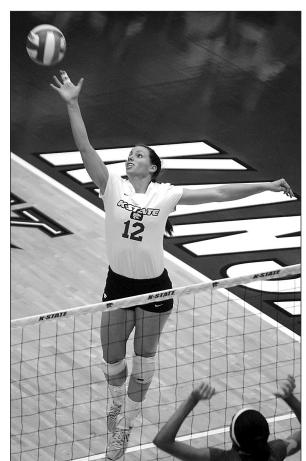
Each team was siding out over 60 percent of the time, and that number would have been much higher had it not been for the final runs. It was the serving, though, that really tripped up the flow; K-State had six errors, Texas Tech had five.

three Game moother for the Wildcats but still not entirely there. K-State took the lead with 12 points over two servers, but the Red Raiders chipped away at the lead, and that, coupled with K-State's resumption of multiple errors, narrowed the gap considerably. The Wildcats managed to keep up their performance long enough, though, and an ace from Mathewson settled the dispute and gave K-State its second win, 25-20.

The Wildcats started game four with a five-point run. Not long afterward, K-State scored another run of six and won the match

Ludwig said the victory will help propel her team into more success down the road.

"This late in the season,



Senior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm reaches to hit the ball against Texas Tech on Wednesday in Ahearn Field House.

it's hard to keep going and going when we're not getting wins," she said. "Getting this one win, it's going to help us to continue on and try to finish out the

season strong."

The Wildcats have the weekend off and return to the court next Wednesday at Nebraska.

PLAYER OF THE GAME

Kaitlynn Pelger Freshman Middle Blocker 16 kills .344 hitting percentage 4 block assists

Q&A with men's basketball head coach Frank Martin

Ashley Dunkak

Head coach Frank Martin discussed myriad topics at the annual K-State Basketball Media Day last week, including expectations for the season, the importance of freshmen and what aspect of being a father he most uses as a basketball

Q: Is there pressure this season because Big 12 coaches picked K-State to finish first in the league and because the Wildcats are currently ranked No. 3 in the nation?

A: You know what real pressure is? When no one thinks you're any good. Because you know why? Now no one holds no one accountable within your own organization. These expectations, they're positive. Why? Because now everyone takes pride in all the work that's taken place over the last four years. Everything, every sacrifice that every young man in that locker room has made to make himself better, to commit himself to grow, to challenge their teammates to continue to improve, well, now that gives them all added incentive in a positive way to continue to do their jobs.



Men's basketball head coach Frank Martin yells at his players during the K-State vs. Newman University basketball game at Bramlage Coliseum on Tuesday evening. K-State won the game 83-56.

Q: How well will the team play this year?

Are we going to be perfect? No. Does that mean we're not going to prepare every day to win every game? Of course we're going to prepare to win every game. That's our job. It's not to sit here and say, "Oh, we're going to go 26-7. Six games on our schedule I don't think we can win." How can I make that decision? We're going to prepare game to game to game to go win the next game on the schedule. And if it's not good enough on a night, it's not good enough. We're not going to quit on our team as coaches. Players aren't going to quit on each other; we'll keep doing our jobs.

Q: How important are freshmen to a basketball team?

A: You better have good freshmen every year if you've got any chance of maintaining continuity in your program ... Every once in a while you get that one special differencemaker as a freshman, but for the most part, you better have freshmen that come in that are going to help you win games. See, people think that only the ones that score 26 points and grab 11 rebounds are the ones that help you win. There's a lot more that goes into helping a team win than — I call it the Fantasy League Epidemic: everyone thinks that the guy with the number is the person responsible for winning. Doesn't work that way. Winning games is a little deeper than whoever puts up numbers. And freshmen, they need to understand that.

Q: How was the relationship between you and senior guard Jacob Pullen back when he first came to K-State?

A: What we do gets put

under a microscope. Any of us in this room that are parents, I don't think your relationship with your teenage son is always one that's in total agreement of what direction you need to go in because the teenage son thinks he knows more than the father, and the father's job is to make him understand how to continue to be willing to learn and move forward. That doesn't mean there's disagreements; that means there's a learning curve. That means that it's two people that are learning from one another. Jake and I have never disagreed; that's the beauty of the whole thing. To an outsider, it may be perceived because I'm upset, and maybe he doesn't play as much as he wanted to as a freshman, but that's - you don't raise a child in a day; you don't make a basketball player in a week. It's a process, and that's why he is and has become the person and the player that he is today.

Q: What has changed for you in the last four years?

A: Not one bit. Not one bit. I'm more popular because you guys speak about me a whole lot more, but not one bit. I am who I've been for 44 years. That's not going to change. I believe in who I am, I believe in the people around me. I enjoy being a basketball coach, I enjoy trying to educate kids. I have an unbelievable family

that, regardless of how crazy things get around me some-times, help me be grounded and keep me level-headed. I don't think I've changed. I'll be surprised if I ever do. I'm kind of one of those old, stubborn set-in-my-ways kind of

Q: What aspects of being a dad do you carry into being a basketball coach? A: Patience. Patience.

When you get that phone call that your child misbehaved at school, I don't care how aggravated you are, that next day he's still your child, so you better figure out a way to handle that moment and continue to raise that child the next day. Well, it's no different coaching a basketball player. Whether they have a good day or a bad day, they're kids. They're kids that are trying to find out who they are and their growth in life or whatever, maybe. And that's my job — it's my job to not overreact or underreact, to have the patience to handle everyone in their own individual way, to help them become better people. And if I can do that, I think I'm doing my job, and if I can do that as a father where my wife sitting in the back over there, she'll punch me across my head when I don't do it — then I'm doing my job as a father at home,

Women's basketball opens tonight

Every season has to start somewhere, and tonight will mark the beginning for the 2010-11 women's basketball team. The Wildcats will battle with Fort Hays State tonight at 7 p.m. The game is free for all K-State students with a valid Wild-

"We are excited about the start of this season," said head coach Deb Patterson.

The Wildcats are looking to improve on last season, the first time in nine years the team finished below .500. Jalana Childs,

Chambers and Taelor Karr all return as starters this season,

"With Brittany and Jalana, I think there has to be sort of this presence that they bring in terms of their communication both on the front and back line of our offense and defense," Patterson said. "With Taelor, I think it can surely be by virtue of the example that she brings everyday — the work ethic, the expectations she puts on herself — because if she goes all out and she buys into those, everyone around her will have to play like no other to stay with her.

Childs, a junior from Orlando, was the fifth-leading scorer on the team last season, averaging 7.3 points per contest and 4.4 rebounds a game. Chambers, a sophomore from Jordan, Minn., led the team in rebounds, averaging 5.8 per game, while scoring the second-most points last season, with 12.1 points per game. Karr, also a sophomore, from Paola, Kan., was the thirdleading scorer and rebounder on the team last year, with 9.1 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

K-State returns five other letter winners, including senior Kelsey Hill, who missed all of last season with a torn ACL.

'I'm so excited," Hill said. "I'm ready to get back playing, and it's been great getting back in the gym with the girls. Running and jumping — it's kind of nice. I'm excited."

Another key returner for the Wildcats is Branshea Brown. Brown, a junior from Walterboro, S.C., added 3.1 points and 4.5 rebounds to each game last



Sophomore guard **Brittany Chambers** moves the ball against Baylor on Feb. 3. The Wildcats open their season tonight against Fort Hays State at 7 in Bramlage Coliseum.

To support the returning Wildcats, Patterson added five new players to the roster this season. One of those players, JuliAnne Chisholm, is currently a senior on the volleyball team, and she will not start until after the volleyball season is complete. Another new Wildcat, junior Emma Ostermann, is a transfer from Cloud County Community College.

Rounding out the newcomers are three freshmen who joined the team from various Midwest high schools. Kansas natives Chantay Caron and Brianna Kulas, and San Antonio native

Stephanie Wittman, were all highly sought after out of high

Patterson had many positive things to say about the incoming freshmen.

"You know, I like their work ethic a lot, and I think that they have bought-in very early to the intensity and the accountability that we want in our gym," she

Fort Hays State has already played in an exhibition game, losing to KU 83-62 on Halloween. Leading the team that game were junior Melissa Nelson, with 25 points, and sophomore Kara McFarland, with 12.

Men's golf team finishes 10th

Tyler Scott

The Pacific Invitational at the Brookside Country Club in Stockton, Calif., presented some challenges for the men's golf team this week. After the final round of play, the team finished in 10th place with a

score of 12-over-par 864. K-State was led by sophomore Ben Juffer, who carded a score of even-par 213 and tied for 14th. Freshman Thomas Birdsey made up some ground from the first two rounds and finished tied for 21st place with a score of 2-over-par 215.

Sophomore Curtis Yonke carded a 4-over-par 217 and tied for 30th. Senior Jason Schulte finished with a score of 8-over-par 221 in a tie for 42nd after starting the day tied for 19th. Freshman Jack Watson rounded out the lineup, carding a 12-over-par

225 and placing in 51st.

Head coach Tim Norris said the team can definitely improve in some aspects.

We have to work hard and smart in this game," Norris said. "It's based on a yearly performance and we' will have to be ready to play in the spring. Sometimes the players' improvements come with the same scores. If they can shave their scores it may be a better performance down the

Host team University of Pacific ran away with the championship, finishing with a score of 25-under-par 827. The Tigers finished 19 strokes ahead of the Oregon State Beavers, which carded a 6-un-



Thomas Birdsey, freshman, hits his ball during the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate at Colbert Hills Golf Course on Sept. 28. K-State finished in 10th place Wednesday in the final day of the Pacific Invitational in Stockton, Calif.

der-par 846. The Wildcats shot five strokes over par in the third round. The team missed sixth place by 10 strokes and finished one stroke behind St. Mary's-California and Brigham Young University.

University of Pacific's T.J. Bordeaux stayed atop the standings and won the tournament with a score of 15-under-par 198. Kelly Kretz of Marquette University scored a 12-under-par 201 and was followed by Will Golden of Charlotte, who fired a 10-under-par 203.

We wasted some shots and it held true throughout," Norris said. "We were pretty competitive and if we had gotten off to a better start it

could've ended better." K-State will begin the spring season on February 14 in San Antonio, Texas, when the team will compete in the University of Texas-San Antonio Oak Hills Invitational.



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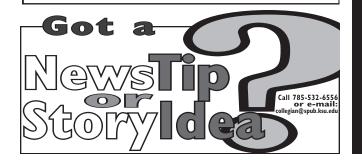
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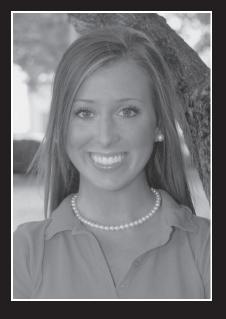
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Caffeinated alcoholic drinks raise concerns on campuses

Kelsey Castanon

The rise of energy drinks like Red Bull has influenced a widespread phenomenon around college campuses: caffeinated alcoholic drinks. The energy drink Four Loko is popular for its fruity flavors and caffeine content, but recently it's made headlines for the amount of alcohol it contains.

For those who haven't seen the myriad news reports, a Four Loko contains 12 percent alcohol by volume — that's equivalent to approximately three 12 oz. bottles of Bud Light — packed into a 23.5-ounce can. The drink also contains 135 milligrams of caffeine, which is comparable to a large cup of coffee.

According to the Associated Press, the caffeinated drinks are under U.S. Food and Drug Administration investigation after students from Central Washington University were hospitalized for consuming Four Lokos. The students had fatally high blood-alcohol levels, and one female student almost died, the Oct. 25 article reported. The university has since banned the alcoholic energy drinks.

However, the new wave of caffeine-infused alcoholic drinks seems to be increasing in popularity with K-State students

Since news broke about the dangers of the drink, Ali Kindlesparger, employee at The Library Discount Liquor store in Aggieville, said Four Loko and other caffeinated alcoholic drink sales have increased, especially toward the beginning of the summer.

"Some customers have seen (the drink) on the news and see it in the store and then want to buy it to try it," she said. "So in a way, it has kind of increased because of all the 'hype' about it."

It might be hard to believe people would continue to drink such alcoholic energy drinks after hearing of the alcoholrelated incidents at Central Washington University, but some students blame the individuals' alcohol abuse rather than Four Loko.

Paige Steele, junior in economics, said partygoers commonly drink Four Lokos because they are cheap, but added most people she knows only drink one to feel the effects, then usually switch to beer for the rest of the night.

Kindlesparger said the drink sells for under \$2.50 a can and is like "drinking a bottle of wine, but adding caffeine in the

mix."

"A lot of college kids are on a budget, and buying a Four Loko is a cheap way to get the same effects," Steele said.

Despite the drink's popularity among students, concerns over its safety continue to grow.

Heather Reed, associate



dean and director for student life, said there is definitely a concern for the health of students who are drinking Four Loko, as well as other highenergy drinks.

"The serious thing is that, because of the fruity, high-sugar content, people may not realize how much alcohol is in the drink," Reed said. "The sugary flavor tends to mask the alcohol."

Along with the caffeine and sugar mixture masking the feeling of being drunk, Julie Gibbs, health promotion service director for Lafene Health Center, said "people could go into dangerous levels of intoxication" and go "beyond their

means of being drunk."

Some college-aged individuals routinely drink beyond their means; however, students who drink caffeinated malt liquors like Four Loko might not be aware of their body's sensitivity to caffeine, Gibbs said.

When mixed with alcohol, caffeine can affect the body's natural defense mechanism, which is to sleep, and could confuse the body, she said.

The drink is loaded with four ingredients: guarana, taurine, caffeine and alcohol; Kindsleparger said that is where the "four" in Four Loko comes from.

Taurine decreases fatigue and caffeine increases alertness, which means that when

mixed together, people will experience an intense surge of energy, said Tandalayo Kidd, assistant professor of human nutrition.

"The danger is that caffeine is a central nervous system stimulant and too much of it can speed the heart rate," Kidd said. "When you combine that

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with alcohol, which is a depressant, it enhances the effect rather than countering it."

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In addition to concerns over the safety of Four Loko, another red flag has been raised regarding the marketing of such

alcoholic energy drinks.

Four Loko, with its vibrantly colored aluminum can, has a similar appearance to many non-alcoholic energy drinks, which Reed said could definitely add to brand confusion. She also said it is very important

for students to know that these alcoholic energy drinks are not like any other energy drink.

"Students could pick up an alcoholic energy drink that looks like a normal energy drink and not be clear on just how potent it really is," she said.

Reed added Four Loko is

more likely to appear at offcampus parties and in Aggieville instead of on campus, which makes it hard for student services to monitor. However, drinking caffein-

However, drinking caffeinated alcoholic beverages like Four Loko is prohibited in residence halls because the alcohol content is over the 3.2 percent limit, Reed said.

All the speculation about

All the speculation about Four Loko and other caffeinated alcoholic drinks gained the attention of the FDA. On Nov. 13, 2009, the FDA released a statement on *fda.gov*, announcing an investigation of the manufacturers of the alcoholic energy drinks.

According to the news release, 30 manufacturers were contacted and asked for "evidence of their rationale, with supporting data and information, for concluding that the use of caffeine in their product is (generally recognized as safe)

or prior sanctioned."

The results of the investigation are still unknown. At least for now, Four Loko is here to



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Top: Susan Shankweiler, registered nurse at Lafene Health Center, talks to a student about the dangers of Four Loko at the Lafene Health Fair on Wednesday in the Union Courtyard.

Above: Four Loko, which contains the alcoholic equivalent of three 12 oz. bottles of Bud Light and the caffeine equivalent of a large cup of coffee, has raised controversy since several students at Central Washington University were hospitalized for alcohol poisoning after drinking Four Loko last month.

RESULTS MAY VARY

Hellacious hot dogs, explaining Catholic Mass and ducks in cars



Q: How can I write for the

Collegian?

A: I think the notion held by the general populace is that getting a job writing for the Collegian is this mystical, magical process that requires being a prestigious upperclassman in journalism, knowing the right people, having oodles of experience and a little bit of luck

I hate to bust this legendary myth, but writing for the Collegian is actually much simpler than that. I am not majoring in journalism, I had never written for a newspaper before I started writing this column, and I never, ever, have any luck in my favor. But here I am, alleviating ignorance and saving K-Staters from stupid decisions every Thursday.

So, if you too want to change the world, or if you just think it would be super cool to write for a collegiate newspaper that is read by thousands of people every day, fear not; the process for applying to be a writer is simple.

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legian.com/about-us/jobs and fill out the application, bring it in to Kedzie 116, and talk to Jason Strachman Miller, editor-in-chief.

That is all it takes to start the process.

Q: Why are there no Kohl's stores in Manhattan?

A: I don't believe there is any good reason for our lack of Kohl's stores. For the time being, K-Staters are resigned to driving to Topeka or Salina to partake of the goodness that Kohl's has to offer. But maybe things will change; after all, we are moving up in the world. We now have an Olive Garden and a Hy-Vee.

Q: Do we ride hot dogs to the afterlife?

A: As far as I know, the answer is no. I don't think we ride hot dogs into the afterlife. I



around a little bit and could not find anything or anyone that makes a reference to hot dogs as a mode of transportation into the afterlife. However, I did find a few counterexamples. For instance, AC/DC's song "Highway to Hell" never mentions any food items. Although "Hot Dog to Hell" does have a certain ring to it. It certainly has the makings of a great Weird Al parody.

Q: How would you explain the Mass to someone who isn't Catholic?

A: I think a sincere question deserves a sincere answer. So I decided instead of providing you with my typical ramblings, I would consult a professional and began the hunt for a professional Catholic.

Fortunately, I did not have to go far. St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center is right across the street from campus. I spoke with Father Keith Weber, the resident chaplain at St. Isidore's, and posed your question to him.

Father Keith's response was:
"Even though there are many different forms of personal worship of God, the Mass is the highest form of communal worship of God for Catholics. Mass is an opportunity to

Mass is an opportunity to gather and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us so we can worship God the Father through Christ the Son. Every Sunday, during Mass, we are able to listen to four Bible readings and reflect upon them. We are also able to, through our prayer, reunite

with the Last Supper and receive the miracle of the Eucharist (Communion). In this, we deepen our communion with Christ and, in Christ, with each other. Therefore, Mass is a worship service, a Bible study and powerful way to unite ourselves to Christ and to each other."

College life provides great opportunities to meet people from all walks of life, learn more about who they are and what they believe; it is all part of getting a college education. So thanks for the question.

Q: How many ducks can you put into a compact car?

A: I have no idea. I'm not really sure why you'd want to pack a compact car full of ducks. However, if you ever decide you'd like to try stuffing a compact car full of ducks in order to answer this question,

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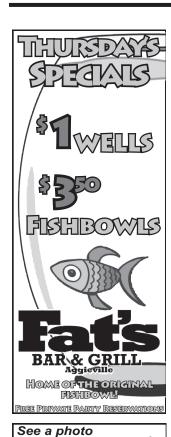
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ing possible outcomes of this exploit: You may become You-Tube famous, sued by PETA or end up on a "FAIL" poster.

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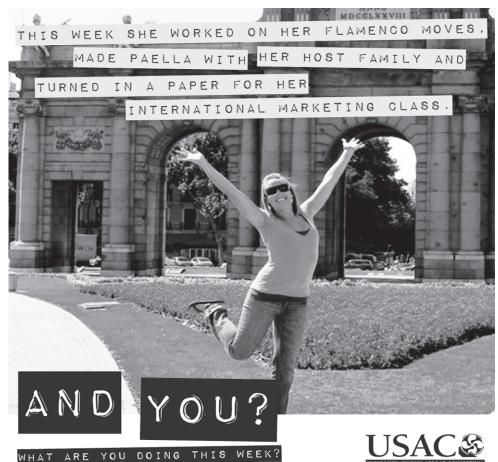




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Cheshire Ultimate provides competition for women

Ultimate, or to many people, Ultimate Frisbee, has been played on college campuses for almost 40 years. Women at K-State have only been able to compete recreationally until last year, when Cheshire Ultimate was

This all-female team competes regionally against other college teams from KU, Nebraska, Missouri and schools from outside the Big 12 Conference, like Minnesota, North Dakota and South

Last year, the women competed at three different tournaments. This year, the team is planning on five or six tournaments, including one this weekend in Arkansas. In addition to the increased travel and playing opportunities, the number of players on the team has increased.

"There are 20 girls on the

as many as last year," said Autumn Cuddy, one of the team's two co-captains and sophomore in fine arts.

Ultimate has many similarities to other sports, like football and basketball. Players pass the disc among one another until they reach the endzone. Players cannot move with the disc, but they can pivot on a foot, similar to basketball. If a team drops the disc, or a pass is not completed, it is a turnover, and the opposing team takes over.

"Offense runs like football, but there are three quarterbacks," said Lisa Beck, the team's other co-captain and graduate student in civil engineering. "Players have 10 seconds to pass the disc, otherwise that's a turnover too."

One of the most popular features of Ultimate is the self-refereeing system. This practice, known as "the spirit of the game," allows for better sportsmanship and fewer hard feelings between players. There is a sense of accountability within the game, which further fuels the intense action on the field. No instant replays or arguments with referees delay the game; it flows smoothly and

Tournaments can have as many as 24 teams, which gives each organization plenty of opportunities to compete.

The team is traveling to play in the 20th Annual Harvest Moon Ultimate Classic in Fayetteville, Ark., on Nov. 6 and 7. The tournament begins with a round-robin format, followed by a bracket-style elimination to the championship, and includes a costume ball Saturday night. But fall isn't the most im-

portant time of their season. "The season starts primarily in the spring," Beck said.
"There's regionals, followed

by sectionals and then na-

The competitions aren't the only reason players enjoy

the sport. The best part is my friends and the people on the team," said junior Kylinn Gerstner. "It's also a great workout with

all the running."

Beck added she likes the

culture of Ultimate.

"It's pretty goofy," she said. "Last year, one of the girls wore a Stormtrooper mask, and this upcoming tournament is a costume tournament."

Cuddy brought up some of the great opportunities that Ultimate has given her for the last few years.

"As a freshman, I was able to get into a leadership position and was involved with the decisions of the team," she said. "Plus we hang out with the mens' teams, and it creates a huge family."

For more information on Cheshire Ultimate, visit the team's website at cheshireultimate.weebly.com.

LEADERSHIP K-Staters aid Mexico communities

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development and sustainability at three different sites across the globe."

As the name implies, students in the International Service Team program travel abroad to Mexico, Kenya and Brazil in an effort to lend a helping hand and simultaneously gain valuable experience in international service. However, before students can go abroad, they must undergo an extended application process, one that includes academic work and community service experience.

"First, obviously, you have to fill out an application, and then you have a group interview and an individual interview," said Ariel Anib, senior in sociology and modern languages. "If you are ac-cepted, you have to enroll in a three-hour spring semester course with everyone else on the teams."

The course, taught by the School of Leadership Studies, is designed to prepare students for their summer-long dip in a pool of foreign culture. Topics include team dynamics, geography and politics of the region to be visited, and an introduction to the communities that will partner with the service teams.

The class is intensive, but not even a 16-week course can completely prepare students for the changes they encounter abroad.

"I liked Puebla when we first got there, but when we got to our site outside the city, it was a culture shock for me," Anib said. "One of our team members was from central Kansas and was used to the town size, but I was not. Of course, once I got to know the people, I ended up loving it."

Once their feet were on the ground, Peters, Anib and their fellow service team members began to involve themselves in the community,

teaching English and theater classes to children from the surrounding area.

"Kids had never had an opportunity to take a class in theater, and one of our group members was a theater major," Anib said. "She wrote two plays while we were there, students memorized their lines and I helped to translate everything."

English and theater classes might not be the final solution to a community's ongoing misfortunes, but the experience is vital to creating future leaders for the international nonprofit sector.

"My life goal is to work with nonprofits in developing countries, and this is a great way for me to get experience in assessing communities and getting actively involved in communities," Peters said. "Being able to hear their stories really puts a perspective on things."

In the end, after the class, the trip, the cultural immersion and the service, students walk away with an experience that often motivates them to dedicate their lives to international service.

"When I was an undergraduate in 2005, I went to our site in Mexico. Since then I've been to our Kenya site and our Brazil site," Gott said. "I was a student, and now I am a coordinator and a faculty member for the program. We have other former members in medical school that recently came back to town and have made contact with their sites to find out if they can help as doctors in that community.

Ultimately, the trip is a transformational experience, Gott said.

"It was a lot of personal development and a deeper understanding of what service means and how fragile the world we live in is and how interconnected we all are,"

KLEIN | Children's literature lacks ethnic variety

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become "super successful and awesome." Klein said that character reminded her of herself, making a mirror and a connection.

Klein said children see no color, but over time if they are exposed to more and more books that have white protagonists and less characters of color as protagonists, then over time that feeling of apartheid and ethnocentrism will grip the white children, and the children of color will eventually succumb to feelings of low self-esteem and inferiority.

In Klein's opinion, for equity to become a part of children's literature, certain statistics will have to be balanced. The ethnic percent of authors is broken down as follows: 2 percent Hispanic, 2.7 percent black, 2.2 percent Asian, and 93 percent white. Of the buying market for children's books, 13 percent are Hispanic, 8.2 percent are black, 3.2 percent are Asian and 74 percent are white."

"We can all bring more equity to children's books,"

Klein said. "We need more authors and illustrators of color ... we need more mirror books (with different races) ... we need programs to encourage young writers and authors of color ... we need to expand the way in which authors and illustrators of color can come in contact with publishing professionals ... we need more editors of color ... we need programs of editorial education in multicultural issues ... we need better sales for books by au-

thors and illustrators of color

... and we need to stop white-

washing colors."

Whitewashing is the practice of making a book cover appear to be made by a white person or appear as if the main character in the story is white.

Grace Hwang, a Manhattan resident, said she decided to stop in and listen because the lecture was open to the general public.

"She gave an excellent speech on how to make diverse books, editors and writers," Hwang said. "She was positive about the publishing world's effort."



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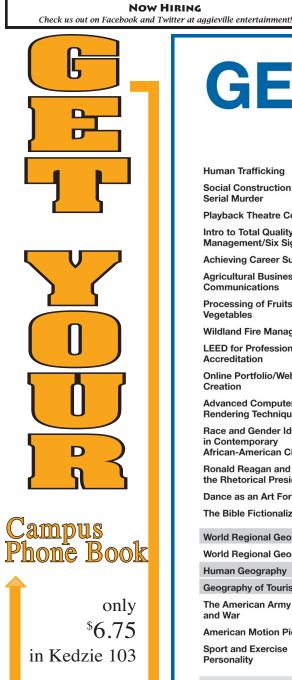
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